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Dear Sir:

FIRST RESPONSE

The amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the first action of December 27, 2000 within three months to answer ending on March 27, 2001.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1) (Once amended.) A method for playing a casino game of chance with random entry from an underlying slot machine to a bonus game, the method for playing in a casino game comprising the steps of:

- establishing a plurality of paths in the play of the bonus game, each of which paths is comprised of a plurality of positions;
- establishing a random means of traversing the paths;
- affording with the random means the possibility of two or more moves being required to complete the bonus game;
- allowing a player to select one of the paths;
- moving according to the random means along path selected by the player;
- awarding the player monetary or credit values as wins or losses associated with positions landed upon, and